

## HELENS-PORTLAND AUTO LINE

SHEPARD BROS., Props.

## SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
St. Helens	7:30	1:30
Warren	7:45	1:45
Scappoose	8:05	2:05
Portland	9:20	3:30
Portland	10:00	4:00
St. Helens	11:50	5:50

Saturdays and Sundays  
Special trip leaving St. Helens 6 p. m.  
Leave Portland 11 p. m.

## RELIABLE SERVICE

## PUBLIC STATEMENT

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years. As to how much of this can be worked out during the year can not say. However, when all are collected in this fund on the 1st of July, then according to an opinion recently rendered by the state's attorney, I will endorse road warrants, not paid for want of funds.

There seems to be two distinct sides as to the policy of administration in this county. One side holds that while nearly 60 per cent of the values are held by non-resident corporations, and of which only 50 per cent the timber interest hold for speculative purposes, the resident can afford to pay a high tax for the benefits derived from improvements made, and the payment of money for road work among its home people. Also contend the corporations are holding their logged-off lands too

the other side holds that a rigid economy is best at all times, that much of the money spent on the roads is squandered, that the motor seeks the field where taxes are low. It drives capital out and is little inducement to make improvements where it only adds to the burden of taxes.

The policy of the county court should reflect at all times the wishes of the majority of its substantial citizens, but if the question of high, medium or low road tax was submitted to a vote, in my opinion it would be nearly equal. In many instances the county court can only be guided by what seems to them for the best interests of the county.

As for a policy of rigid economy, there never has been a county court in this county that equaled J. B. Doan, J. Frakes and N. D. Peterson, from July, 1896, to July 1901, a period of five years, the tax rolls were \$42, 46, 48 and 57 thousand respectively. With this they paid the taxes of the county and sixty thousand of indebtedness. The school tax in the last five years would amount to double this sum, a thing the court would have no jurisdiction over whatever.

Now we all like to indulge in a little luxury, and I think we can agree on good roads and the auto have benefited both time and distance. Think of good roads, the auto, a school and a creamery, a combination of four things. The High School and the creamery are located on the banks of the Columbia in the city of St. Helens, on the main line of the Columbia river highway from land to the coast. This road eventually be hard surfaced. Because this city is in the heart of one of the finest dairy countries of the northwest, reaching for 12 miles west and south. Now I think the Rainier auto on its trip to land over this hard surfaced road, gathering High School pupils to Goble to St. Helens, and on its trip taking them home. I think of a St. Helens auto leaving for land at 4 p. m., and returning at 11 a. m., loaded with pupils for the St. Helens High School. I also think of several country boys, who milk cows, separate their cream, set in an auto, especially made for transporting High School girls and boys, cover a distance of 12 miles in thirty minutes, and repeat this during the school term. Thus a combination of home and school.

R. S. HATTAN.

## Y ELIMINATE COUNTY JUDGES

That a bill will be introduced at the next legislature to eliminate the office of county judge in Oregon is to be a practical certainty. Such a bill, it is explained, would change the present name "elect" judge to "elector" judge and place one superior judge in every county who would also do the work now under the jurisdiction of the county judge. Late Senator I. S. Smith of Coos county, who is up for re-election, is to be one of those most favorable to making this change, and if nominated at the primary election he is expected to formulate a bill.

Under the provision of the proposed bill, the expected, will be a re-adjustment of salaries according to population of counties.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## County Clerk

I hereby announce myself as a Republican candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk at the Primaries, May 19, 1916, subject to the approval of electors.

A. F. BARNETT.

## Assessor

To the voters of Columbia county. I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket for re-nomination to the office of County Assessor, at the coming primary election, to be held May 19, 1916, and ask your kind, deliberate consideration.

C. W. BLAKESLEY.

## County School Superintendent

To the voters of Columbia County. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination to the office of County School Superintendent, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the coming Primary Election to be held May 19, 1916.

J. W. ALLEN.

## For Commissioner

To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself as a Republican candidate for nomination to the office of County Commissioner at the May Primary Election.

JAMES KENNEDY, Jr.

## Commissioner

To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket for re-nomination as County Commissioner at the coming Primary election to be held on the 19th day of May, 1916, and ask your deliberate consideration.

I have been a resident of Columbia county for 30 years; and with 18 months experience as County Commissioner, I believe I am qualified to give the taxpayers a just and economical administration of county affairs; I am especially favorable to good roads.

A. E. HARVEY.

## County Clerk

To the Members of the Democratic Party and the Electors of Columbia County:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of County Clerk of this county. I have been a resident of the county 27 years continuously and have been a taxpayer in the county for the past 18 years. Such a residence has given me in-



J. W. McDONALD

formation which would be valuable in an office of this kind and my acquaintance throughout the county will warrant the statement that I will give efficient service if elected to the office. I therefore submit my candidacy to the electors of the county.

Respectfully,  
J. W. McDONALD.

## Sheriff

To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Sheriff's office, and if nominated and elected will give the public the best service and the most economical administration in my power. I have served as a peace



J. L. CHITTIM

officer through three administrations for the city of St. Helens. I am a believer in an impartial enforcement of the law and a clean campaign and administration. I ask your kind and deliberate consideration at the Primary Election to be held May 19, 1916.

J. L. CHITTIM.

## District Attorney



GLEN R. METSKER

Glen R. Metsker of St. Helens is a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney, at the Primary Nominating Election, May 19, 1916.

## Assessor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at primary election, May 19. I have been a resident of Columbia county for 35 years and a taxpayer for 20 years. If nominated and elected I promise an honest and just administration of the office with equal justice for all.

H. T. BENNETT.

## Treasurer

I hereby announce myself as a Republican candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of electors at primaries, May 19th.

EDWIN ROSS.

## ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that on the 3rd day of April, 1916, at the City Hall in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, Ward No. 1, and at the City Hall in West St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, Ward No. 2, (Houlton), an election will be held for City Officers for the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, namely:

One City Mayor, to serve two years.  
Two City Councilmen, to serve two years.

One City Treasurer, to serve two years.

One Water Board Commissioner, to serve five years.

Also, an act to amend section of the Charter of the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County and State of

Oregon, said Charter being "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the City of St. Helens, in Columbia County, and State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25th, 1889, and to amend all acts amending said Act since by Legislative Assembly; and to amend certain Charter amendments submitted to the voters of St. Helens at election held August 2nd, 1909, and to amend certain proposed Charter amendments amending the aforesaid Acts submitted to and approved by the voters of said City at elections held on the 4th day of April, 1910, April 17th, 1913, and July 6th, 1915. Shall proposed amendment be adopted?

100 Yes.

101 No.

Also to take an advisory vote for the City to purchase an automobile fire truck; which election will be held at 8 o'clock in the morning and will continue until 7 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Dated this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1916.

E. E. QUICK, City Recorder.

## COLUMBIA CITY.

We see some of the fishermen are preparing for the spring fishing. Ed Graham expects to put a trap in this year.

Work will soon start on the highway at Tide Creek bridge and the road will be extended to Deer Island.

This will be a big improvement to that part of the road.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bumgardner made their appearance at Columbia City a few days ago.

Stock on hand for Lent—Sonne-land's—fresh salmon, halibut, soles, perch and lin cod; smoked smelt, salmon, herring and bloaters; salt mackerel, sizes 1 and 4; salmon, herring, pickled anchovies, herring, American and kaiser style; codfish bricks and sides; eastern and Olympia oysters; crabs; canned sardines, and Norway herring. Poultry bought and sold. Phone 42.

Fancy Box Candy at Mason's.

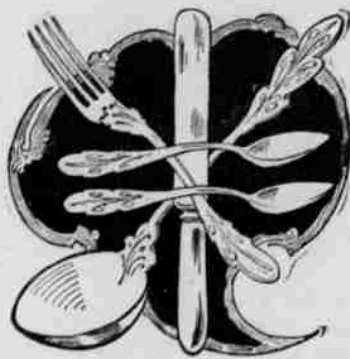
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## Several Hundred Dollars in Prizes

to be distributed in a

## GRAND PIANO CONTEST

By THE ST. HELENS MIST AND ST. HELENS MERCHANTS

## Capital Prize

Which will be given by

## The Mist

Will be an elegant

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## PIANO



SEVERAL OF THE ST. HELENS MERCHANTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED

## VALUABLE PRIZES

and will give local

## Vote Coupons

As designated below in Merchants' Cards

## Rules and Regulations Governing Contest are as Follows:

**Announcement**—This Piano and Popularity Voting Contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles, strictly with justice and fairness to all concerned. With the above principles, it will be an assured success.

**Prizes**—The Capital prize will be an Obermeyer & Sons' Piano. Also other valuable prizes to the amount of many dollars which are announced herewith.

**Candidates**—Young ladies in this and adjoining towns are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes will receive the beautiful \$400 Obermeyer & Sons' Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with the contestants' standing at the final count.

**Votes Classified**—Votes will be issued in the following denominations: New Subscribers, 600 votes...\$1.50

Renewals, 500 votes...1.50

Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes...1.50

Back Subscriptions, 400 votes...1.50

5 years New or Renewal Subscriptions, 5000 votes...7.50

10 years New or Renewal Subscriptions, 12,500 votes...15.00

20 years New or Renewal Subscriptions, 30,000 votes...30.00

**Instructions**—Results to standing votes will be issued after 30 days. No votes accepted at less than regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper or belonging to the immediate

families of merchants co-operating, will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for contestants.

Votes after being voted, cannot be transferred to another. Be sure to know for whom you are going to vote before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or anyone else will not give you any information on the subject. The key to the ballot box will be in possession of the awarding committee during the contest.

For the first thirty days the paper will run a 25-vote coupon, which can be voted free for any lady contestant.

Contest to run about 90 days. CONTEST WILL CLOSE MARCH 29, 1916. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

Ten days prior to closing contest, the judges will carefully lock or seal ballot box and take same to the bank, where the same will be in a place where voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until the close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the young ladies winning in their turn.

The last ten days all voting must be done in a sealed box at the bank. If you do not wish anyone to know for whom you are voting, place your cash for subscription together with your coupon in a sealed envelope, which will be furnished you, and put same in ballot box. This will give everyone a square deal. THIS CONTEST WILL CLOSE MARCH 29th, 1916.

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## HELP HER WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!

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A. T. KIBLAN, HOULTON Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes and Groceries

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I give a 25-vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for coupon.

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We give a 25-vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for coupon.

Ten Per Cent Commission—All those who do not win one of the regular prizes will receive 10 per cent of all the money collected on subscription

Address All Communications and Subscriptions to Contest Manager

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ST. HELENS, OREGON